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Letter from the Chairperson

The licensing law for Psychologists (chapter 337) is now 10 years old. We often think of 10 as the middle of the latency age, a period of calm following years of growth and development. The State Committee has experienced its share of development and the number of licensed psychologists has certainly grown rapidly. We now number almost 1500!

At 10 years of age, however, the State Committee of Psychologists is far from a "latency child." To the contrary, change and development seem to be accelerating.

Since March 1986, there have been five appointments to the State Committee: Dr. Roy C. Davis (March 1986), Dr. David Edens (March 1986), Dr. Ada Cruce (July 1987), Dr. Amanda Murphy (September 1987) and Mary Ann Thompson, Public Member (November 1987). Change!

Furthermore, the State Committee has undergone some administrative changes that appear to be very productive. In recognition of the importance of the work of the Committee and its growing responsibility, the Division of Professional Registration's administration has resumed its statutory responsibility to provide support and assistance to the Committee. As a result, more attention will be directed to the legislative, regulatory and budgetary needs of the Committee — a sure sign of growing responsibility!

The ever increasing number of complaints received is forcing the Committee to reevaluate and revise its methods in order to speed up the processing of the complaints. This includes a procedure to monitor those licenses which have been suspended, revoked or on probation.

The Committee has recently revised some rules (see article on New Rules Promulgated) and is cooperating with interest groups in attempting to revise Chapter 337, particularly with regard to enhanced enforcement power in the important area of sexual abuse and the practice of psychology by non-licensed individuals. There will hopefully be a section protecting professionals who file complaints from the dangers of being sued.

The State Committee looks forward to the hard work involved in its growth and development.

Rose E. Boyarsky, Ph.D.,
Chairperson

Committee Transitions

New Members of the State Committee of Psychologists

Carl M. Koupal, Jr., Director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development has appointed three new members to the State Committee. Ada L. Cruce of Cape Girardeau was appointed on July 1, 1987. Amanda L. Murphy of St. Louis was appointed on September 1, 1987, and Mary Ann Thompson of Springfield was appointed on November 24, 1987.

Dr. Cruce is a professor of education administration and counseling at Southeast Missouri State University. She received her Ph.D. in counselor education-educational psychology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1975. She completed her M.A.Ed. at Washington University in 1966 and her A.B. at Harris Teachers College in 1950. Dr. Cruce was an elementary school teacher for thirteen years. She has also maintained a practice as a psychologist and counselor.

Dr. Amanda Murphy received her Ph.D. in education in 1973 from St. Louis University. Previously, she had received a M.A. degree in education with a major in counseling and guidance from that institution in 1971 and a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Washington University in 1969. Dr. Murphy is also a registered psychologist in the state of Illinois and a registered professional nurse in both Missouri and Illinois. She has over twenty years of nursing experience with an emphasis in psychiatric nursing, and eleven years of administrative and consulting experience. She currently serves as the project director of Metro Community Health Center's Comprehensive Mental Health Center. For the past seven years, Dr. Murphy has designed, developed and directed this center which serves more than 4,000 clients in the North St. Louis area.

Mary Ann Thompson is the newly appointed public member to the State Committee of Psychologists. She received an A.B. degree in 1958 in home economics and English. She currently is the Features Coordinator, writer, and columnist for the Springfield Newspapers, Inc. in Springfield, Missouri. She has over twenty-seven years of experience in the news media as editor for various columns.

Members Completing Terms

Larry Bass, Ph.D., completed his term of office with the Committee on June 30, 1987. Dr. Bass was initially appointed on May 18, 1982, and has served the committee as its Chairperson, AASPB delegate and Rules and Regulations Subcommittee Chairperson. He remains in private practice as a clinical psychologist in Springfield, Missouri.

Kenneth L. Russ, Ph.D., completed his term of office with the Committee on August 31, 1987. Dr. Russ was initially appointed on September 28, 1982, and has served the Committee as its Chairperson, AASPB delegate, Newsletter Editor and Alleged Sexual Misconduct Subcommittee Chairperson. He remains in private practice as a clinical and consulting psychologist in St. Louis, Missouri.

Sara Ann Duncan, Public Member, completed her term of office with the Committee on November 23, 1987. Mrs. Duncan was initially appointed on August 11, 1982, and has served the Committee as its Secretary.

SCOP Liaison to MoPA Appointed

*by Roy C. Davis, D.Min.
Liaison to MoPA*

MoPA has for a long while sent a board member as a liaison to SCOP meetings. This has allowed for improved communications, relations and knowledge regarding the way in which SCOP views and carries out its statutory responsibilities in open sessions. After some mild debate, SCOP voted in a divided decision to appoint Dr. Roy Davis as a liaison to the MoPA Board of Directors' open session. Debate centered around concern that such a liaison might compromise SCOP's primary role in protecting consumers of psychological services. The majority opinion of SCOP was based on several points:

1. That a key characteristic of a "profession" is to maintain the autonomy to set its own ethical standards. The profession will not survive if it does not protect the public it serves.
2. The statutory authority of SCOP is grounded in definitions and ethical standards set by the profession (i.e. the APA Model Practice Act). The Missouri Practice Act exists essentially as a legal vehicle to regulate entry into the practice of psychology and discipline practitioners who violate the public interest based on standards established by the profession.
3. The benefits of improved communication accomplishing complimentary roles of MoPA and SCOP outweigh any danger of conflict of interest. It is in the public's interest to promulgate improved legislation, provide access to treatment for impaired psychologists and to educate the public regarding appropriate diagnostic and treatment techniques (especially with regard to sexual misconduct). SCOP does not have the authority or resources to do this alone. Open communication and cooperation with the professional association is required.

The liaison's role at MoPA Board of Directors' meetings is quite restricted in order to avoid any possibility of conflict of interest. Minimal reporting of proceedings of SCOP's open sessions is permitted since that is a matter of public information. However, the liaison is required to be a "passive participant" in other portions of MoPA meetings. The liaison may not vote or render opinions thought to be held by SCOP or personally held. Despite these restrictions, we are hopeful that the liaison function will improve SCOP's ability to better protect the consumers of psychological services.

New Rules Promulgated

Effective August 13, 1987, the following rule changes were promulgated. Their promulgation followed a public hearing held in Jefferson City, Missouri, on Friday, June 26, 1987, at the State Capitol Building. Only three written responses were received concerning the proposed rule changes. Present at the hearing was Dr. Michael Ross of the Missouri Psychological Association who indicated that MoPA's Task Force on Licensure reviewed the proposed changes and had no objections. The Committee took all communications into consideration in determining whether to finalize the promulgation of the rule changes. As finally promulgated, these rule changes are printed below. Copies of the Psychology Practice Act containing these revisions may be obtained by contacting the Committee's central office.

4 CSR 235-1.010 State Committee of Psychologists

(1) The Committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or by a notice signed by not less than three (3) members of the committee. The committee shall meet at least once during each calendar year and as frequently as the business of the committee requires. The committee shall, with the assistance

of the Division of Professional Registration and its staff, provide all application forms and maintain all records contemplated by chapter 337, RSMo and shall make regular reports to the board and Department of Economic Development concerning the fulfillment of its functions and duties. The committee shall screen all applicants for licensure as psychologists and report to the director of the department, through the Division of Professional Registration, concerning the qualifications of all applicants.

4 CSR 235-1.020 Fees

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| (E) Transfer of Score Fee | \$25.00; |
| (F) Replacement of Wall-Hanging License Fee | \$10.00; |
| and | |
| (G) Recognition of Additional Degree Fee | \$30.00. |

4 CSR 235-1.040 Public Complaint Handling and Disposition Procedure

(4) Each complaint received under this rule will be logged in a book maintained by the committee for that purpose. The log book will contain a record of each complainant's name and address; the name and address of the subject(s) of the complaint; the date each complaint is received by the board; a brief statement of the acts complained of, including the name of any person injured or victimized by the alleged acts or practices; a notation whether the complaint resulted in its dismissal by the committee or in formal charges being filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission; and the ultimate disposition of the complaint. This log book shall be a closed record of the committee.

4 CSR 235-1.050 Renewal of License

(1) Failure of a licensee to receive the notice and application to renew the license shall not excuse the licensee from the requirement of sections 337.030, RSMo to renew the license.

4 CSR 235-2.020 Supervised Professional Experience

(2) As applied to periods of supervised professional experience commencing before January 1, 1984, the phrase "satisfactory supervised professional experience in the general field of psychology" as used in section 337.020.2, RSMo, means post-degree training or practice of psychology in an organized health service training program or its psychological equivalent under the supervision of a licensed psychologist who is not a relative of the trainee. Professional experience which was gained by an applicant before September 28, 1977, will be deemed acceptable if such experience was supervised by a person, not a relative of the trainee, who would have been eligible for licensure at the time the supervision occurred. The psychological activities of the applicant shall be performed pursuant to the supervisor's order, control, and full professional responsibility. Reports prepared by the applicant during the period of the supervised professional experience should be cosigned by the supervisor. The supervisor shall maintain a continuing relationship with the applicant and must meet with the applicant a minimum of one (1) hour per week in face-to-face individual supervision. Group supervision is not acceptable for supervised professional experience under this regulation. The supervisor must certify to the department that the applicant has complied with these requirements for supervised professional experience.

(8) Acceptable supervised professional experience shall constitute a minimum of fifteen hundred (1500) hours of professional experience obtained in no less than a twelve (12) or no more than a twenty-four (24)-consecutive calendar month period. In no case shall this experience be accumulated at the rate of less than twenty (20) hours per week nor more than fifty (50) hours per week.

4 CSR 235-2.030 Post Master's Degree Supervised Professional Experience

(7) Acceptable supervised professional experience shall constitute, in addition to the experience obtained pursuant to 4 CSR 235-2.020, a minimum of three thousand (3000) hours of professional experience obtained in no less than a twenty-four (24) or no more than a forty-eight (48)-consecutive calendar month period. In no case shall this experience be accumulated at the rate of less than twenty (20) hours per week nor more than fifty (50) hours per week.

Disciplinary Action

A complaint was filed on February 26, 1987, before the Administrative Hearing Commission alleging that a licensed Missouri psychologist had engaged in sexual contact with five of his female clients.

On September 16, 1987, the psychologist entered into an agreement with the State Committee of Psychologists whereby he neither admitted nor denied the allegations in the complaint but did stipulate that he acknowledged that the state had sufficient evidence to support a finding of cause for discipline against his psychologist license. Based on this stipulation, the psychologist's license was revoked with the imposition of revocation stayed for seven years. The license was then suspended for three years, at the end of which the psychologist may appear before the State Committee and present evidence of his ability to function as an ethical, responsible, and competent professional psychologist. If the Committee determines that he is capable of practicing psychology in such a manner, his license will then be put on probation. If not, the license will be suspended for another three year period. At the end of that period, he may once again appear before the Committee. If he again fails to meet the burden of showing the Committee that he is capable of functioning properly as a psychologist, the license shall be suspended for an additional one year period, at the end of which he may once again appear before the Committee. If he fails to show that he is capable of practicing psychology in a proper manner at that time, the revocation which was originally stayed will become effective.

1987 AASPB Annual Meeting

by Dr. Kenneth L. Russ

The 1987 annual meeting of the American Association of State Psychology Boards was held in New Jersey on August 25th ~ 27th. Dr. Kenneth L. Russ was elected delegate to represent the State Committee of Psychologists. The designation program which determines if doctoral programs are designed to train professional psychologists, is now a joint program between AASPB and the National Register. Dr. Henry Edwards, member-at-large of Toronto has been chairing an AASPB subcommittee dealing with the evaluation of foreign graduate transcripts. AASPB is taking under advisement the APA model psychology practice act and within the next year hopes to propose a model act from their view point which provides for consumer protection issues. AASPB is also developing a consultation network which will be providing more information to the member boards. During the annual meeting a workshop was held concerning the codes of conduct in which the codes from the New Jersey, Indiana and Florida boards were discussed. A video tape is also available from AASPB concerning a mock disciplinary hearing on sexual misconduct which AASPB put together at the mid-winter meeting in Texas last year. The new AASPB president-elect is Diane Hill of Colorado and new member-at-large is Dave Rogers of Ohio.

Committee Forms Subcommittee on Alleged Sexual Misconduct

by Kenneth L. Russ, Ph.D.

The State Committee has begun efforts to address more systematically issues specific to problems of alleged sexual misconduct. Problems in this area, as one might surmise, can be multifaceted and complex, and include:

- Providing more information to the practitioners and the public as to ethical issues as well as complaint-handling procedures;
- Providing increased sensitivity to the needs of alleged victims as a way to facilitate both more sensitive investigatory procedures as well as to consider the potential needs of patients, for whom misconduct by practitioners is substantiated, with regard to treatment or referral; and
- Consideration of increased clarification from a statutory viewpoint of specifics of ethical violations in this area.

A subcommittee has been formed, consisting initially of Committee members, Drs. Rose Boyarsky and Roy Davis, and ex-officio members Jerry Van Hamme (legal counsel) and Paul Robinson (chief investigator), chaired by Dr. Kenneth Russ, to discuss these issues and make further recommendations to the Committee. The newly appointed chairperson of this subcommittee is Dr. Ada Cruce.

SCOP Fiscal Year 1989 Budget Request

*by Gregg Hartley, Director
Division of Professional Registration*

The second regular session of the 84th General Assembly will be beginning in January of 1988. Within two weeks of the first regular session ending in June of 1987, state agencies were already beginning to work on FY89 budget requests. The Committee and the Division of Professional Registration have submitted a core budget request (basic operating budget) of \$64,160. This is the budget level at which the Committee has operated for a number of years. In addition, the Division of Professional Registration and the Department of Economic Development have concurred with the Committee to seek four additional priority budget requests which if funded would significantly increase the Committee's available resources.

Those four priority items include additional appropriations authority for \$3,420 to cover increased examination costs. The costs of purchasing examinations from the national testing agency will increase from \$90 to \$135 in FY89. The current appropriation for this activity is \$6,840.

The second priority request is to seek additional personnel services funding so that the Committee may employ a full-time secretary. Currently the Committee is supported by a full-time administrative assistant and a half-time secretary. The number of licensees and the complexity of issues surrounding the licensure and regulation of psychologists continues to grow. More adequate designated staff are needed to allow the Committee to fulfill its appropriate role. In addition to the one and a half full-time employees the Committee also receives senior staff support from the Division of Professional Registration. The budget request for this item is \$6,722.

The increased number of complaints involving such sensitive and complex cases as sexual misconduct result in an increasing demand on the Committee, investigators and legal counsel to review complaints, investigate allegations and prosecute cases. The Committee, staff, investigators and legal counsel do not possess the degree of expertise to adequately review, investigate and prosecute all of these complex and sensitive cases. There is a need to contract for expert witnesses to analyze investigative reports to provide testimony to assist legal counsel with the prosecution of alleged violators. For these purposes the Committee is seeking additional funding in the amount of \$32,425 to employ expert witnesses and consultant services.

Finally, the number of complaints, investigations and legal actions continues to increase. The legalistic nature of many of the meetings require official transcripts of the proceedings to avoid appeals and legal suits against the Committee for their actions at their meetings. The availability of transcripts also assists in the preparation by legal counsel for disciplinary actions. For this purpose, the Committee is seeking \$4,200 to contract with court reporters.

The total additional funding being sought in fiscal year 1989 is \$46,767. All of these items were included in Governor Ashcroft's budget recommendations to the General Assembly. Approval of these additional funds for the Committee's budget will not result in increased fees for licensees.

Not Current

The Missouri licensure law is specific about keeping your license current. Section 337.030 states in part:

1. "Each psychologist licensed under the provisions of this chapter, who has not filed with the department a verified statement that he has retired from or terminated his practice of psychology in this state, shall register with the department on or before the registration renewal date . . ."
2. "Failure to provide the department with the information required for registration, or to pay the registration fee, shall after notification effect a revocation of the license after a period of sixty days from the registration renewal date. The license shall be restored if, within two years of the registration date, the applicant provides written application and the payment of the registration fee and a delinquency fee."

All licenses expire on January 31st and need to be renewed by no later than February 1st of each year. The following psychologists have not renewed their licenses by paying the annual registration fee in order to keep their license current through the period ending January 31, 1987. Renewal fees for the period of February 1, 1988, through January 31, 1989, are now due and payable to the State Committee of Psychologists. Licensees who have not paid their fees for the coming year should contact central office as soon as possible. The following list does not include those individuals whose licenses expired January 31, 1988.

John Adam	Philip Dubois	Ronolee Henderson	James McKee	Michael Rooney
Paul Adler	Jeffrey Durbin	Michele Henry	John McWay	John Ryan
Sherrill Akyol	Daniel Elash	M. Herrick	David J. Miller	Joseph Schroeder
David Armentrout	Carol Estrada	Edward Hickling	Stanley Mize	Donald Schubert
Carol Averill	Carolyn Farquhar	Nancy Hillard	Earl Moore	Jerome Seeman
Libby Bass	Louise Von Felts	Steven Holley	Wanda Morgan	Michael Seidenberg
Ronald Belter	Morris Fishbein	Jan Horner	Sherri Muchnick	Jack Seitzinger
Iris Berets	Queen Fowler	Thomas Huberty	Jan Munson	Ben Shaw
Greg Berg	Siebolt Frieswyk	Ruth Hummel	Donald Nicholson	Gustave Sison
Robert Blinder	Dennis Gardner	John Jones	Roberta O-Carolan	James Smith
Leonard Brockway	Sheldon Gardner	William Jones	Patricia Owen	Sharon Stiver
Freida Brown	Frank Gomer	Kenneth Kohutek	Francis Paone	Elizabeth Sukowicz
James Bruce	Irving Gottesman	Frank Lahman	Daniel Paskewitz	Curt Toler
Samuel Bryan	Samuel Graham	Linda Larsen	Edward Peteroy	James Vanderplas
Robert Burkham	Richard Grenhart	Milton Lasoski	Donald Petrovich	George Weigly
Ann Carberry	Thomas Guilmette	Michael Lubbers	Gerald Prideaux	Renate Welch
Jack Carmichael	James Hannum	Arthur MacKinney	Edward Purzycki	Richard Williams
Laurie Chassin	William Harlow	Ruth Marco	C. Steven Richards	Arlis Wood
Ruth Clifford	John Harrington	Lynn Martin	Sylvia Riley	David Zelman
Charles Combs	Virginia Harris	Roger McCay	Sally Robertson	
Edmund Conklin	Timothy Hawley	Barbara McCombs	Allen Roe	

NEWLY LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS

April 10, 1987 — Examination

Phyliss L. Bernstein, Ph.D.
 Candace Conley, Ph.D.
 Teresa W. Cook, Ph.D.
 Dennis L. Daupert, Ph.D.
 Debby A. Engelbrecht, M.S.
 Donald L. Fischer, Ph.D.
 Joe D. Grinstead, Ph.D.
 Carolyn P. Hale, M.S.
 Rochelle L. Harris, Ph.D.
 Queen E. Hill, M.S.
 Lynne B. Kipnis, Ph.D.
 Daniel M. Levin, Ph.D.
 Rebecca S. McFarland, M.A.
 Marydeth Priesmeyer, Ph.D.
 Millard E. Scarboro, Ph.D.
 Lori G. Schleisman, M.S.
 Katharine Brzezinski-Stein, Ph.D.
 Jeanette A. Williams, Ph.D.

No. Taking Exam 23
 No. Passing 18
 National Exam Mean 139

October 23, 1987 — Examination

Lauren S. Becker, Ph.D.
 Richard A. Boyd, M.S.
 Barbara J. Dripps, Ph.D.
 David P. Ehman, Ph.D.
 Vera J. Elleson, Ph.D.
 Jeffrey D. Gfeller, Ph.D.
 Stephanie L. Hanson, Ph.D.
 Earl R. Kilgore, Jr., Psy.D.
 Debra R. Kiske, Ph.D.
 F. Timothy Leonberger, Ph.D.
 Beth A. McGuire, Ph.D.
 Julie A. McKee, Ph.D.
 David Miller, Ph.D.
 Jamie C. Prestage, M.S.
 Betty A. Schlesing, M.S.
 Marilyn A. Turner, Ph.D.

No. Taking Exam 24
 No. Passing 16
 National Exam Mean 144

Reciprocity/Endorsement of Score

Dianne Benjamin, Ed.D.
 Charles Bowles, Ph.D.
 John Cameron, Ph.D.
 Larry Hester, Ph.D.
 Dennis Kivlighan, Ph.D.
 Joseph Lopiccolo, Ph.D.
 David Lutz, Psy.D.
 Cynthia Montgomery, Ph.D.
 Nan Presser, Ph.D.
 Cathryn Pridal, Ph.D.
 Joyce Tinsley, Ph.D.
 Hermann Witte, Ph.D.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next PES Psychology Exams	Next SCOP Board Meetings
April 15, 1988 Jefferson City, MO	February 5 and 6, 1988 Jefferson City, MO
October 14, 1988 Jefferson City, MO	March 4 and 5, 1988 Jefferson City, MO
	June 3 - 5, 1988 July 22 - 24, 1988

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